

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Robert G. Heitel

Application No.: 09/843,044

Filed: April 25, 2001

For: **AUTOMATIC LASER WELD
MACHINE FOR ASSEMBLING
PHOTONIC COMPONENTS**

Examiner: Samuel M. Heinrich

Art Group: 1725

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:


The Examiner has issued a Restriction Requirement requesting an election between claims 1-113 (Groups I and II) and claims 114-116 (Group III). The Examiner further states that if Groups I and II are elected, then the applicant must further elect between the Species in claims 1-28 and 29-113.

The Applicant hereby elects Claims 29-113 (Group II), without traverse.

Respectfully submitted,
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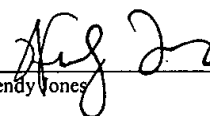
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